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**THREE WACO BROTHERS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF 476 MONTHS IN FEDERAL
PRISON FOR ILLEGAL DRUG CHARGES**

(*Waco, Texas*) **United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced today that **Manuel Martinez, 28, Gaspar Martinez, 22 and Guadalupe Martinez, 23** were sentenced to 120 months, 188 months and 168 months respectively in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Walter Smith. On November 19, 2002, Manuel Martinez pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and conspiracy to commit money laundering, and his brothers, Gaspar and Guadalupe Martinez both pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, cocaine and amphetamine.

On August 20, 2002, investigators executed 5 search warrants at the Defendant's residences and a Waco business run by them called "Land Sharks". At Manuel's residence investigators seized a pound of methamphetamine and \$230,450 in currency. Also seized were several drug ledgers reflecting over \$280,000 in "fronted" narcotics.

At the sentencing hearing today, the evidence established that the group had sold 12-15 kilograms of cocaine a week for over 1 year in the Waco area and the \$238,000 in currency represented the partial profit from the sale of 460 kilograms of cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Agriplex Drug Task Force and the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jake Snyder.

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